

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2059-01
Bill No.: HB 847
Subject: Adult siblings can register with the DFS adoption registry and biological parents can consent to disclosure of identifying information when registering.
Type: Original
Date: March 6, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** stated the proposed legislation would not fiscally impact their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services - Division of Family Services (DFS)** stated the proposed legislation will result in a slight fiscal impact. The DFS already maintains the adoption registry but expects a 50% increase in work load specifically regarding the adoption registry due to opening this to adult siblings. Currently, 15-20 hours are spent per week on the adoption registry by a full-time employee. We would request that a part-time employee allocation be made due to the increase in duties.

For a similar piece of legislation proposed during the prior session, the DFS stated there would be no additional cost. Therefore, **Oversight** assumes the DFS could implement the current legislation with existing staff absorbing the increased workload.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

Under current law, the Division of Family Services maintains a registry by which birth parents and adopted adults may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other. Adopted adults must still petition a court to obtain this identifying information. This bill allows adult siblings of adopted persons to participate in the registry. The bill also allows courts to directly disclose identifying information to adopted adults upon their written request if their biological parents or adult siblings have consented in writing to disclosure.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director

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